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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Status of County-interest Legislation

As we approach June 8, 2001, the last day for bills to pass out of their house of origin, action has been taken on a number of bills of interest to the County.

County-supported AB 32 (Richman), passed the Assembly on June 6, 2001, and now awaits committee assignment in the Senate. This bill (1) creates the California Health Care Program (Cal-Health), (2) coordinates the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs by providing a simple, uniform mail-in application and enrollment process, and (3) expands eligibility under these programs to include children and their parents or primary caretaker with family incomes at or below 250 percent of the Federal poverty level.

County-supported AB 49 (Washington), which would have provided \$2.5 million from the General Fund for competitive grants to public libraries for support of the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Program, was amended on May 31, 2001 to provide that such grants be subject to an appropriation in the State Budget Act. AB 49 is currently in the Assembly Third Reading File.

County-supported AB 59 (Cedillo), which provides that any child who is enrolled in specified programs is deemed to meet the income eligibility requirements for participation in the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Programs, contingent upon annual appropriation in the State Budget Act, passed the Assembly on June 6, 2001, and is awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 130 (Cardenas), which renames and expands the State Only Family Planning Program to include the provision of health services to low-income women under 65 years of age, passed the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is now pending committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 183 (Longville), which would remove the sunset date for the requirement that the State pay all costs incurred in special elections called by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the State Senate or Assembly, or in the United States Congress or Senate, passed from the Assembly to the Senate on June 5, 2001.

County-supported AB 229 (Wesson), which provides for 60 days, rather than 30 days, to verify signatures of 500 or more on local initiative petitions, is currently in the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee with no hearing date set.

County-supported AB 280 (Robert Pacheco), which increases the maximum number of voters in a precinct from 1,000 to 1,250, subject to certain conditions, passed out of the Assembly on May 24, 2001 and is now in the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee with no hearing date set.

County-supported AB 492 (Oropeza), which provides time off with pay to State employees who are members of a local precinct board to work for that board on election day, subject to regulations adopted by the Department of Personnel Administration, is now in the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee with no hearing date set.

County-supported AB 557 (Aroner), which establishes the Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention Program, passed the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 667 (Cox), which would require the State to reimburse county elections officials for verifying signatures on Statewide initiative petitions, passed out of the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is now in the Senate awaiting assignment to a policy committee.

County-supported AB 797 (Shelley), which provides for the operation of an education-based foster youth services program, passed the Assembly on June 6, 2001, and now awaits committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 866 (Diaz), which provides tax credits for startup expenses for child care programs or construction of a child care facility, also passed the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is pending committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 989 (Chan), which eliminates the sunset dates on the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants and the California Food Assistance Program, passed the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

County-supported AB 1154 (Bates), which provides cancer screenings and diagnostic services to low-income uninsured and under-insured women over 40 years of age, and to the extent funding is available, to women under age 39, passed the Assembly on June 6, 2001, and now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1424 (Thomson), which revises the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act relating to involuntary treatment, passed the Assembly on June 5, 2001, and is awaiting assignment in the Senate.

County-opposed AB 1653 (Robert Pacheco), which reinstates the redevelopment plan adopted by the City of Diamond Bar by modifying the definition of "blight" under existing Community Redevelopment Law (CRL), was amended in the Assembly on June 4, 2001. AB 1653 now declares legislative intent to study the existing CRL and the subsequent impact of court decisions that have interpreted and built upon CRL. **Therefore, the County will be drop its opposition to AB 1653 and take no position on this measure.** We will monitor the bill as it moves through the Legislature to ensure that future amendments are not counter to existing County policy.

County-sponsored SB 3 (Wesson), which would require identification of the candidate, committee or organization that authorized or paid for telephone campaign messages, passed out of the Senate on June 6, 2001 and is now on the Assembly Desk awaiting a Committee assignment.

County-supported SB 94 (Torlakson and Figueroa), which would permit a county, city or city and county to provide up to 3% of their ERAF obligation to a county general fund library, was amended on June 4, 2001 to change the effective date from FY 2001-02 to 2003-04 and was joined with **SB 74 (Speier)**. SB 74, which the County also supports, includes the same provisions as SB 94 for dependent and independent library special districts but excludes community college districts from the ERAF reduction. Both bills passed the Senate and are awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly.

County-supported SB 237 (Vincent), which would require that signs be posted at major highway border crossings regarding the abandonment or dumping of animals and that the DMV handbook and driver's test questions include such laws, passed out of the Senate on May 17, 2001 and is currently at the Assembly Desk awaiting a committee assignment.

County-supported SB 237 (Vincent), which would require that signs be posted at major highway border crossings regarding the abandonment or dumping of animals and that the DMV handbook and driver's test questions include such laws, passed out of the Senate on May 17, 2001 and is currently at the Assembly Desk awaiting a committee assignment.

County-supported SB 304 (Karnette), which would, upon approval of the board of supervisors, make inapplicable current law that specified safety members in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office retire at the age of 60 or 70, is currently in the Assembly Public Employment, Retirement and Social Security Committee with no hearing date set.

County-supported SB 308 (Escutia), which states legislative intent to provide sufficient funding through the Budget Act to fund the cost of high quality child care and development services for those who meet established income criteria, passed the Senate on June 5, 2001, and is awaiting assignment in the Assembly.

County-opposed SB 383 (Burton and Romero), which would mandate binding arbitration between the County of Los Angeles and physician and dentist employees, passed out of the Senate and is currently at the Assembly Desk awaiting a committee assignment.

County-supported SB 390 (Escutia), which requires the State Department of Education to develop the State Master Plan for Child Care and Development, passed the Senate on June 5, 2001, and is pending assignment in the Assembly.

County-supported SB 574 (Polanco), which contains language of legislative intent to provide bond funds for juvenile facilities and county temporary shelter care facilities, passed out of the Senate on June 6, 2001 by a vote of 24 to 3 and was sent to the Assembly.

County-supported SB 620 (Ortiz), which establishes the California Suicide Prevention Act of 2001, and requires the State Department of Mental Health to develop a statewide comprehensive suicide prevention strategic plan, passed the Senate on June 5, 2001, and is awaiting assignment in the Assembly.

County-supported SB 785 (Ortiz), which, upon federal approval, extends coverage to parents of enrolled children in the Healthy Families Program with incomes up to 250% of the federal poverty level, passed the Senate on June 5, 2001, and now awaits Assembly committee assignment.

County-supported SB 993 (Figueroa), which renames the Child Care and Development Services Act to the Early Care and Education Act and establishes certain standard

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reimbursement rates for specified child care providers, passed the Senate on June 5, 2001, and is now awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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